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SUBJECT: MINISTER COMMENTS ON ELIMINATION OF HEMISPHERIC
PREFERENCES FOR HEATING OIL

1. MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS HUGO PEREZ
LA SALVIA TOLD PRESS MAY 6 THAT EXPORTS OF VENEZUELAN
PETROLEUM WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY SUSPENSION
OF HEMISPHERIC REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF 50,000
B/ D OF NO 2 HEATING OIL. ELIMINATION OF HEMISPHERIC
TREATMENT FOR THIS ADDITIONAL IMPORT QUOTA FOR HEATING
OIL, PEREZ REPORTEDLY SAID, DEMONSTRATES IN
UNOBJECTIONABLE FORM THE DOMESTIC CHARACTER OF
AMERICAN OIL POLICY AND THAT IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT AT ALL DECISIONS AND INTERESTS OF HEMISPHERIC
TYPE. THIS BECOMES CLEAR AND PERFECTLY DEFINED, HE
SAID, WHEN THE FEW HEMISPHERIC ARRANGEMENTS THAT
EXISTED FOR IMPORTS OF FUELS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED BY
RESOLUTION OF INTERIOR SECRETARY OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S
GOVERNMENT.

2. MINMINES SAID ONCE MORE THAT MINISTRY IS
STILL STUDYING, IN A DETAILED AND THOROUGH FASHION,
CONTENTS OF NEW U. S. PETROLEUM POLICY. PEREZ SAID HE WAS
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CONFIDENT THAT STUDY WOULD BE COMPLETE THIS WEEK

AND BY THE FOLLOWING WEEK DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO
IT WILL HAVE BEEN TAKEN.
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